HOUSE BILL 2926 By Matheny

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to veterans' rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-3-104, is amended by designating the present language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as new subsection (b):
 - (b) The department shall furnish the following information for veterans across the state through the field service offices, county and municipal service offices and local offices:
 - (1) A military discharge does not have to be filed in the office of the county register to be accepted for purposes of approving military benefits to a veteran or a veteran's family;
 - (2) A military discharge which is recorded in the office of the county register is not confidential, but is a public record which can be examined by the public at large; and
 - (3) A military discharge may be recorded with all or a portion of a veteran's social security number redacted, but if the discharge is altered, then the United States government may not accept it as valid documentation for purpose of approving veterans' benefits.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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